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FOR: SYNTACTIC POLYURETHANE :
CONTAINING OIL, PREFERABLY
CASTOR OIL

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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SIR:

Now comes Dr. Jeffrey Dodge who deposes and declares that:

1. I am a graduate of PENN STATE University and received my PhD degree in
the year 1992.

2. I have been employed by the BASF Co for the past 2 years, as a researcher
in the field of POLYURETHANES

3. The following experiments were conducted by me or under my direct
supervision and control.

Procedure

As detailed in Table 1, to 76.25 g of a resin masterbatch (see below) was added
quantities of castor oil to comprise blends of 2.5 wt. % and 10.0 wt. % by weight castor

oil. To the resultant blends, was then added enough S35 glass microspheres to comprise mixtures of 22.7 % by weight of the total composition. These blends were then mixed and reacted with Elastoflex 24050T (a diphenylmethane diisocyanate). Thin plaques (1/8" thick) were case in an aluminum book mold heated to 70°C. After an initial cure (ca. 1 hr), the plaques were postcured at 80°C for 18 hrs. After cooling and conditioning for 1 day at room temperature, five type S2 tensile bars were die cut from each plaque. The samples were further conditioned in a dessicator to remove residual moisture (3 days). The samples were then weighed, immersed in ASTM-grade artificial sea water at 80°C and then re-weighed after 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 weeks. The results, in terms of % mass increase, are listed in Table 2 below:

Table 1

Resin ingredients	Example ¹	Comparative Example 1 ²
Masterbatch	76.25 g	76.25 g
Castor Oil	8.48 g	1.96 g
S35 Glass	24.9 g	23 g

¹ contains 10 wt. % of castor oil based on the total weight of polyol components

² contains 2.5 wt. % of castor oil based on the total weight of polyol components

Masterbatch

The masterbatch formulation was as follows: polyol 1¹ (41.1 %); polyol 2² (40.98%); dipropylene glycol (15.75%); Additive package³ (2.17%)

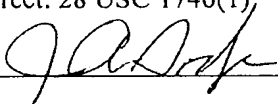
1. Polyol 1: A poly(propyleneoxide) of OH # 56
2. Polyol 2: A poly(propyleneoxide) of OH # 58
3. Additive package; Catalyst, amino-silane, moisture scavenger and defoamer.

Table 2

Water content after weeks (wt.%)	example	Comp example 1
0	0	0
1	4.15	4.43
2	4.44	4.79
3	4.54	4.96
4	4.75	4.89
6	4.71	5.1

The data demonstrates an increase in water absorption of for the Comp Example 1 containing only 2.5 wt. % of castor oil, indicative of increased hydrolysis of the polyurethane, as compared with to the example containing 10 wt. % of castor oil.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is believed to be true and correct. 28 USC 1746(1)



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